

I subscribe to XM radio because the AM/FM stations have failed to provide me with programming that is to my liking. Many local stations play the same songs repeatedly throughout the day, often replaying the same songs within an hour or less. Further more, the advertisements played on local radio are often loud, annoying, distasteful, and repeated even more than the overplayed music. I drive a lot in my job and local traffic information is often needed. However, to the best of my knowledge, local radio stations in my area do not provide traffic information on a continuous basis. I will usually find myself caught in a traffic problem long before a local station has a "traffic break", then I flip through the channels trying to find a station with any information, but to no avail.

The XM Traffic and Weather channels are not available for my area yet, but I am anticipating the expansion of that service to include my area.

The XM Traffic and Weather service is also very useful when traveling.

Before XM radio I had become so fed up with local stations repeat-play songs and annoying advertisements that all I listened to were CDs.

I am somewhat unsurprised that The National Association of Broadcasters would lobby against XM radio instead of figuring out why so many listeners are switching to a pay radio service. Local broadcasters in my area have become so desperate for advertising income that they are airing commercials for herbal sex-enhancement products and other goods of dubious nature. No thank you, I'll stay with my commercial-free XM.

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